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27 November 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive

SUBJECT : Liaison with the Department of State

1. Proposal of the Department of State and the most recent joint recommendation of AD/PC and AD/SO will result in liaison control being established as indicated below.

STATE

CIA

Policy Planning Staff.

OPC - Operational for OPC.  
Executive - Administrative for  
OPC, except finance.

Special Assistant, Intelligence.

OSO - Operational for OSO.  
Deputy Director - Operational  
except for OPC & OSO.  
Executive - Administrative except  
for OPC and finance.

Division of Budget, Office of the  
Deputy Under Secretary for Admin-  
istration.

Comptroller - For all matters  
within his responsi-  
bility.

2. From only the standpoint of administrative liaison:

a. The financial liaison is properly placed.

b. For all other liaison our responsible administrative officials will deal on an essentially "go-between" basis through two middle men in separate operational divisions of the Department of State, each of whom will necessarily have to take up each case presented with the responsible Departmental administrative officials in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary. Confusion and delay are inherent in such a situation. Please note the statement of AD/SO that no improvement has been noted during the several weeks since the designation of an Administrative Control Officer in the State Intelligence Office.

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3. However, in view of the fact that the Department of State has, in a period of six months since its initial proposal, continued to maintain its stand, and we cannot arbitrarily dictate more logical action, I recommend that we accept the proposal on a trial basis with no specific period indicated. In such case, our responsible officials should record and document each case of difficulty and delay, if any, and at such time as we may have sufficient, specific evidence of failure due to the system, further conversations on the subject should be held with Mr. Humelsine or Mr. Webb (Under Secretary of State).

  
Deputy Executive

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